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TO: Nebraska Medicaid Hospital Providers

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RE: Interim Payments for Hospital Inpatient Services

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE, CLINICAL AND
BILLING STAFF.

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care continues development of the necessary computer changes to make payments to Medicaid hospital providers on a prospective per discharge basis using AP-DRGs. The payment system is in a testing phase. Pending completion of the testing process, the Division will be making an interim payment to all hospitals in Peer Groups 1, 2, and 3.

Providers should continue to submit claims as they do today and they will process using the pricing methodology in place at this time. Upon implementation of the computer system changes which will calculate AP-DRG payments, all claims with a discharge date on or after October 1, 2009 will be adjusted on a claim-by-claim basis to the prospective rate for the facility.

Questions regarding this bulletin or the AP-DRG prospective payment system may be directed to Margaret Booth at 402-471-9380 or margaret.booth@nebraska.gov